Invalid Provision of the Cinematograph Act, 1981

2431. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has declared as "unconstitutional" a provision of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 by which Government review the decisions of the Censor Board or the Appellate Tribunal regarding clearance of a film;

(b) if so, what are the main objections raised by the Supreme Court in its order;

(c) whether any fresh legislation in this regard is being considered;

(d) if so, by what time; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The revisiona! powers of the Central Government, conferred by Section 6(1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, have been held as 'unconstitutional' by the Supreme Court on the ground that the executive cannot sit in an appeal or review or revise the order of a quasi-judicial body.

(c) to (e) Government is examining the matter.

Foundation stone for TV and Radio Station in Mahboob Nagar of A.P.

2432. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foundation stone for TV and Radio relay station was laid in Mahboob Nagar, Andhra Pradesh several years back by the then Hon'ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and

(b) if so, the reasons why there has not been any progress in construction of the said relay station and when the construction is expected to be completed?